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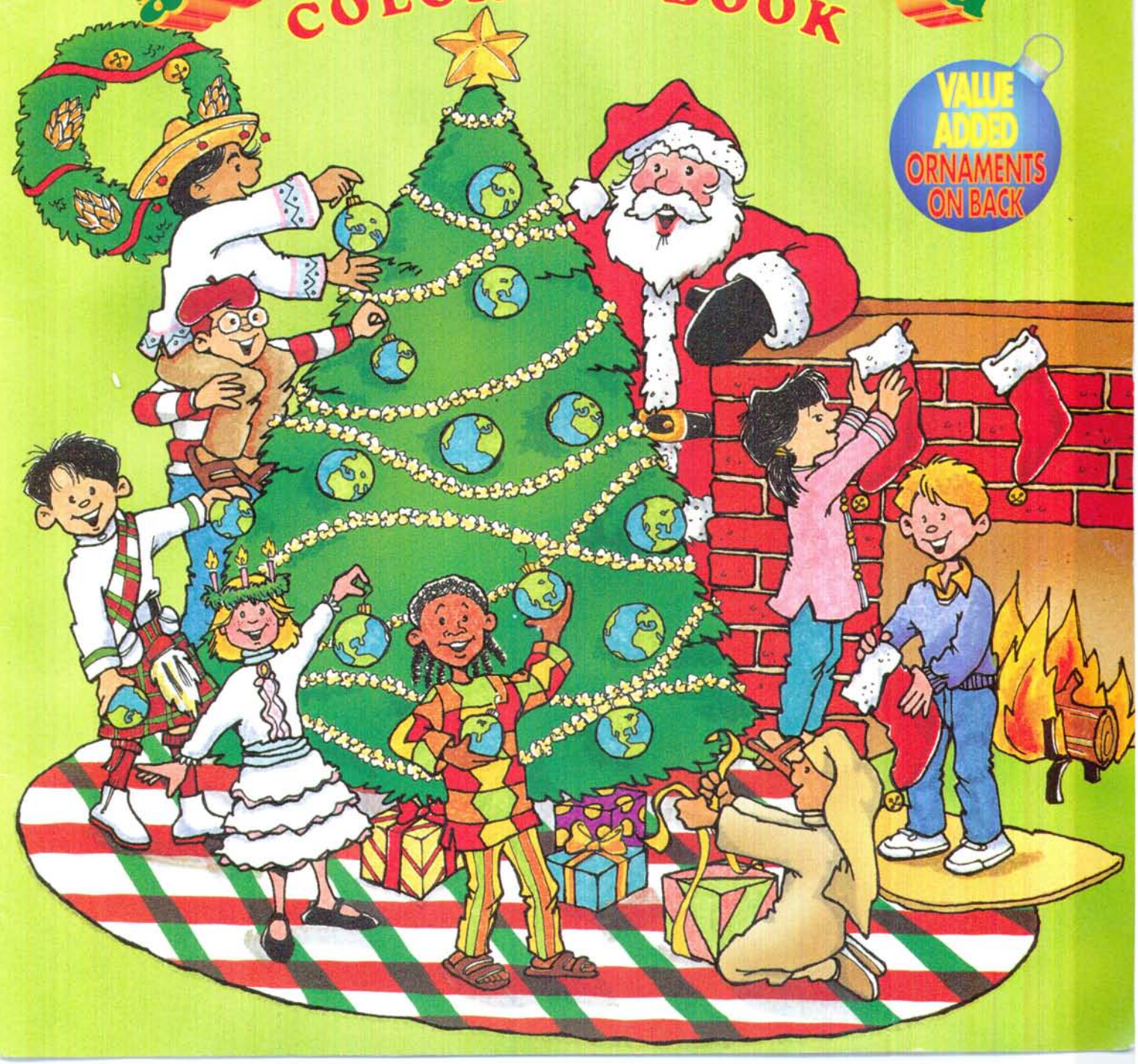

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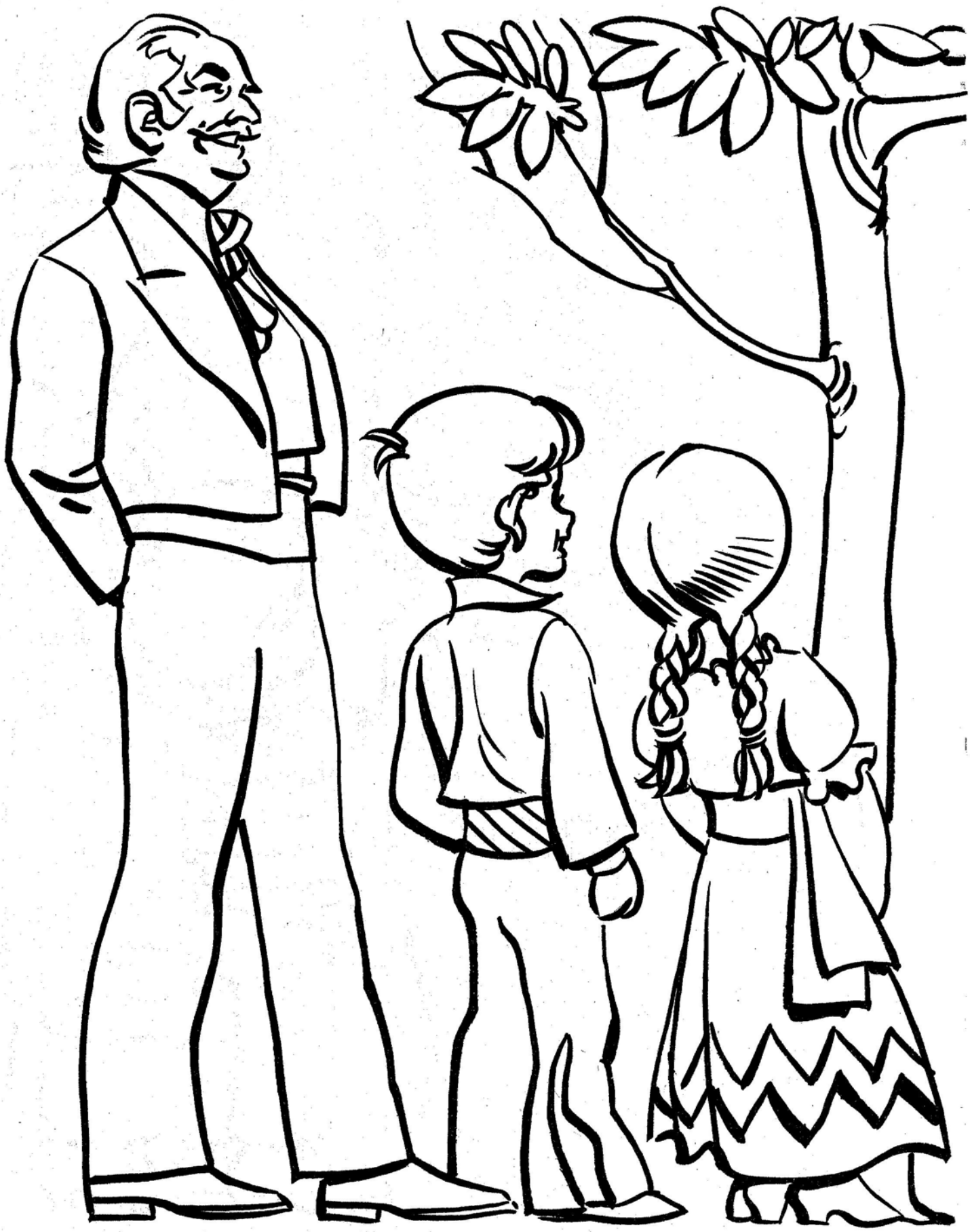
At Christmastime around the world, children...

...gather to hear the story of Christmas.

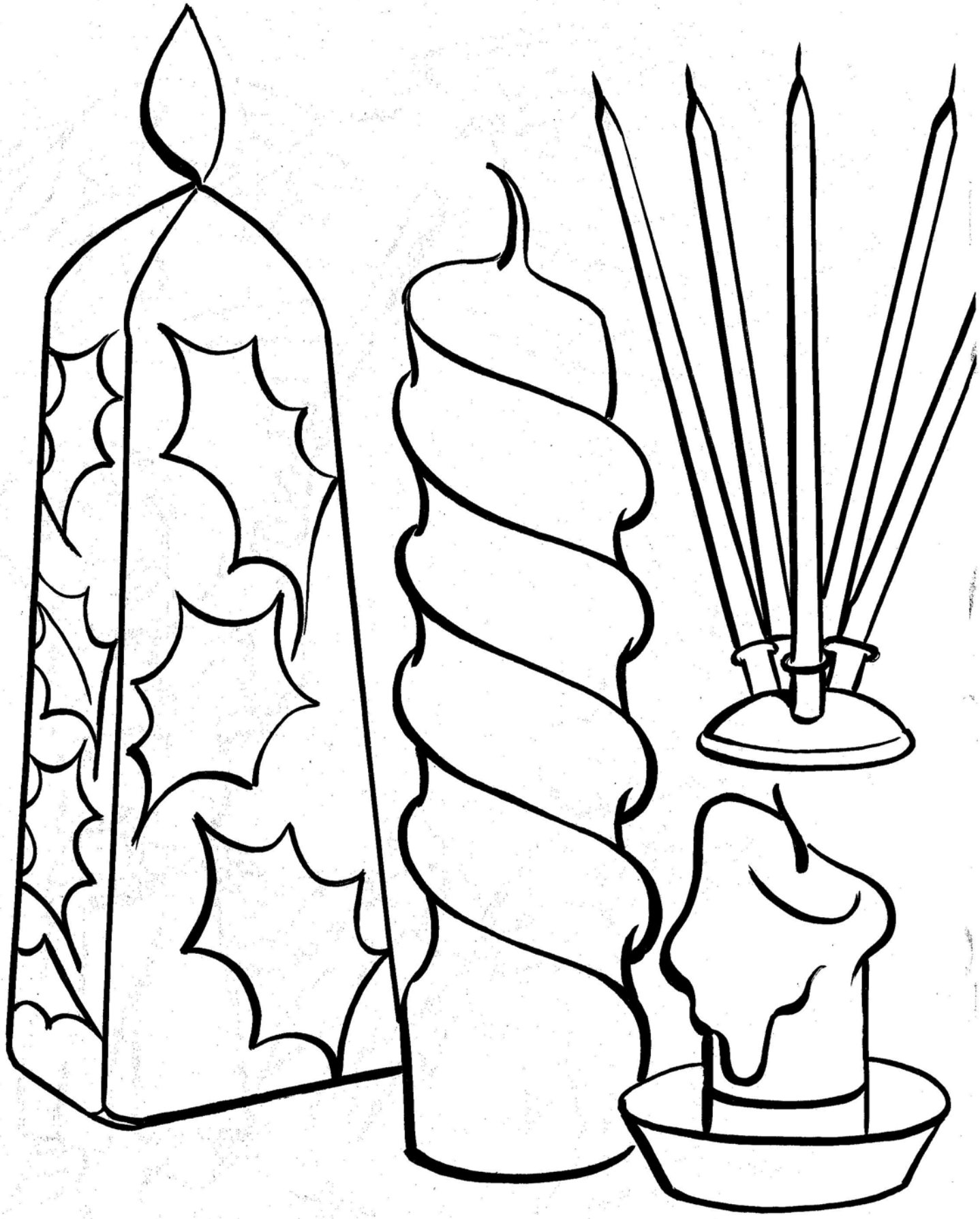
People in Poland bake small wafers called *oplatki.* They exchange *oplatki* just as other people exchange Christmas cards.

People in Italy give out their Christmas gifts
from a large clay jar called "The Urn of Fate."

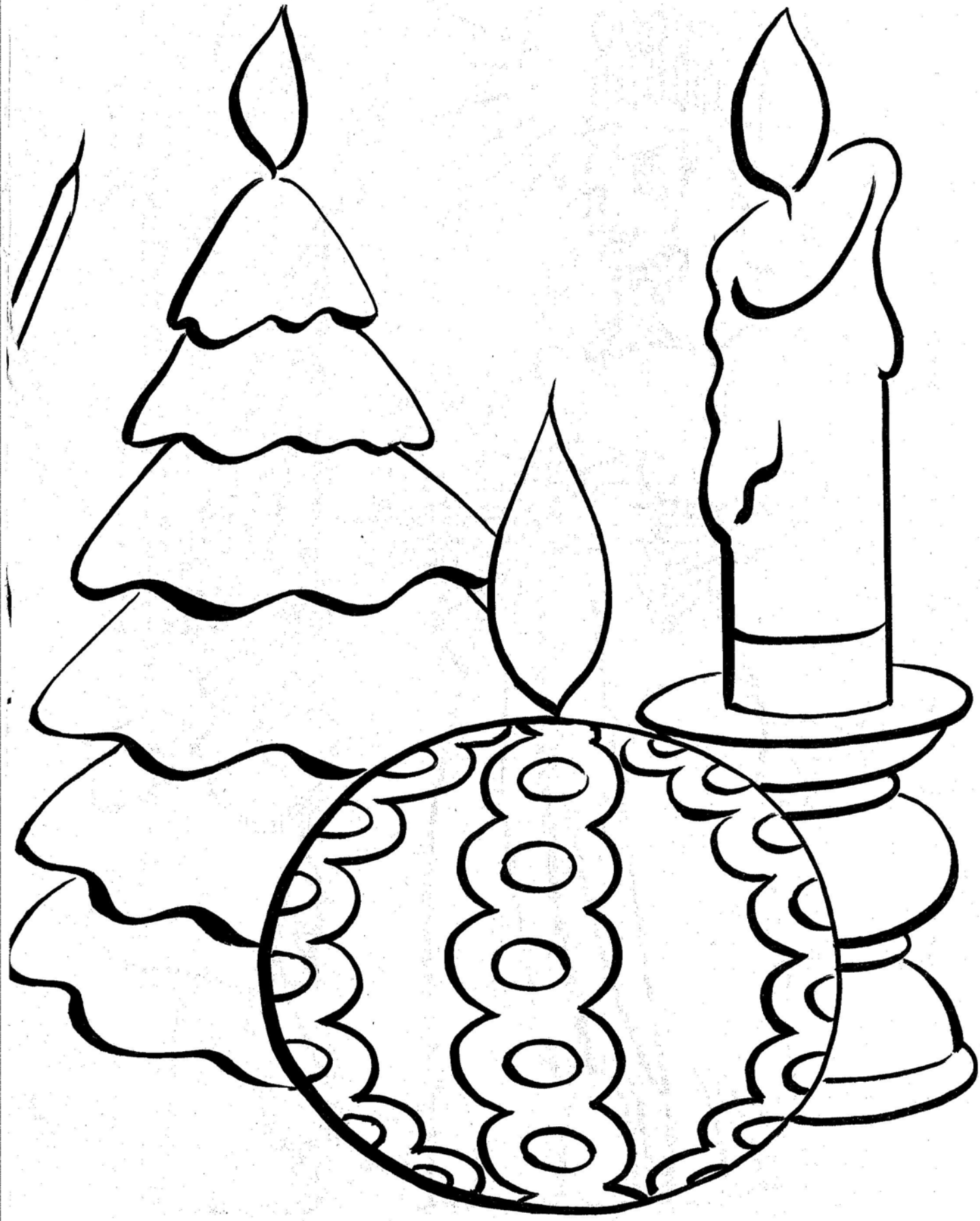


In Mexico, a gaily decorated *piñata* is hung from a tree.

Break the *piñata* with a stick
and out will come candy and gifts for everyone!



Candles in many shapes and sizes add a festive air to Christmas . . .



. . . and are a part of religious services in churches throughout the world.

In Sweden, Christmas begins with the Festival of Lights on St. Lucia's Day, December 13.

Because the ground in the Scandinavian countries is covered with snow, children feed the birds at Christmas time.

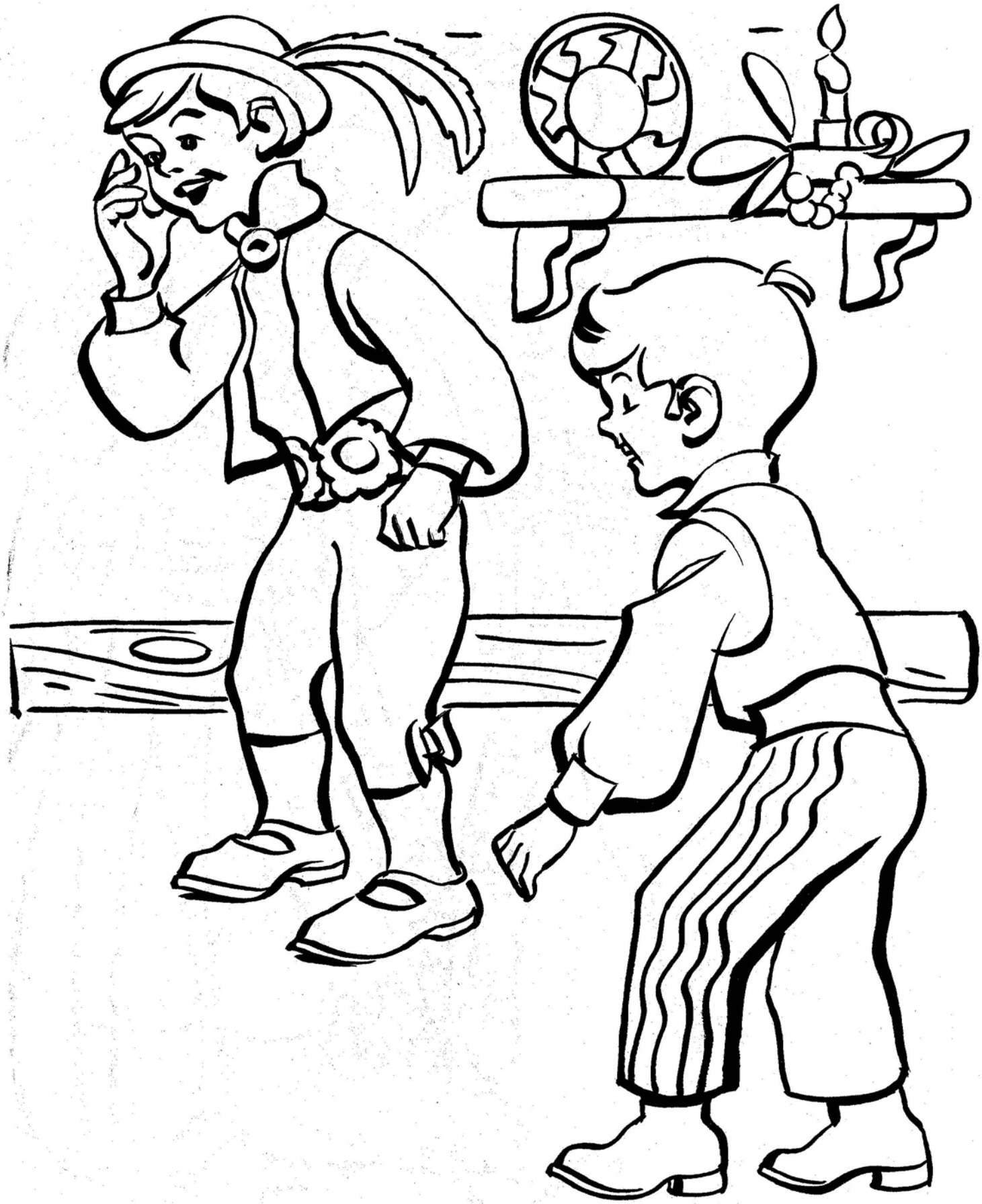
In Denmark and Sweden, Christmas elves,
called *Jůůl Nisse*, are said to help with chores . . .

. . . but Jùùl Nisse also cause trouble!

King Henry VII introduced the wassail bowl to England.
The bowl contains hot ale, spices, and toasted apples.

In Scotland, oatmeal cookies, called bannock cakes, are served.

In Yugoslavia, children celebrate the second Sunday before Christmas as "Mother's Day." They tie their mother's feet to a chair . . .



. . . and shout, "Mother's Day, Mother's Day, what will you pay to get away?" And Mother then gives them their gifts. The following week is Father's turn.

Many South American children believe that the
Three Wise Men bring them their gifts . . .

. . . on Three Kings' Day, which is Epiphany.

Christmas in Spain is a time for dancing the *Jota.*

After Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve,
the streets are filled with dancers.

The Beacon Hill Bell-Ringers of Boston, Massachusetts . . .

. . . sound out Christmas carols on their hand bells.

Santa's Christmas wish to all people around the world
"Peace on Earth!"

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